

University Staff Assembly
General Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2009
Sacramento Hall 275

In Attendance: Carlyn Pollock, Shannon Ainger, Stacy Sinz, Liz Redmond, Kim Dinnen, Laurie Wheless, Carol Rumley, Carolann Forseth, Jodi Reid, Richard Cotenias, Darlene Monroe, Suzy Abshire, Nadia Mayard, Margaret Hwang, Leah Railey, Cossette Leos, Lori Wisheropp Janett Torset.

Absent: Lynne Onitsuka, Thamsyne Brown, Madonna Barlow, Ondria Small, Suzanne Bracamonte.

Meeting started at 12:06 pm.

1) Representative Changes

Mike Riordon has changed positions and will no longer be the representative for the College of Health and Human Services. Darlene Monroe also changed positions and will now be the representative for the College of Education. Ondria Small has requested to be the representative for Student Affairs. Nadia Mayard is the new representative for IRT. Stacy Sinz regrettably must resign her position as secretary. Nadia has expressed interest in taking over for her. Official emails will be sent out.

2) Treasurer's Report

There was a slight change in the catering cost for the Winter Social as well as the addition of the net gain from Entertainment Book sales which were both noted in the new report.

3) Green & Gold Gala

This year's Gala is coming up on February 20th and USA can get a table of 10 at the reduced rate of \$1000. The Executive Board thought it would be a good idea to purchase a table this year as it gives us the opportunity to speak to community and campus members about USA. The event was explained and then the motion forwarded and approved. Anybody interested in attending should give their name to Carlyn. Reps have priority but if there is enough room after the deadline, reps attending will be given the choice to bring a guest at a cost of \$100 to them.

4) Committee Reports

- a. We sold a total of 21 Entertainment books, 3 online. A big thank you to all of the sellers. It was agreed that we will continue to do this.
- b. The elections committee needs two more volunteers to assist Richard. Cossette and Margaret graciously agreed to sit on the committee.
- c. The Staff to Staff Guides should be finished and up and running soon. Currently we are waiting for approval of the supervisor form from David Wagner. For anybody interested there will be a brief orientation to go over what will be required of them.
- d. It was decided that we will hold off on doing another KVIE night as the last time there was a disappointing turnout due to lack of interest. It will be revisited in the fall.
- e. The Winter Social was once again a successful event with about 275 people in attendance including President Gonzalez. The cost of the event was lower than anticipated due to the room charge being waved. The idea of mixed tables (sitting and standing) worked out well as did needing to be present to win the raffle prizes. Unfortunately there are no open Friday's in December this year. Changing it to a Wednesday will be discussed. It would be best to reserved the room for 2010 sometime in July to ensure we get a Friday date.
- f. The main quad has been reserved for this year's Spring picnic. An order for tables & chairs was also submitted to Facilities however they will not be able to give us as many this year. A request for multiple garbage cans has also been taken care of. Thamsyne will send out an email soon with details. The picnic this year will be held on June 5th.

5) December Lunch

Once again our December lunch in the University Restaurant was a hit. Thank you for everybody who attended. We will do the same thing next year.

6) College Division Reports

- Liz announced that there is an MPP and staff hiring freeze. Please see the HR website for more information.
- Cossette announced that there is a buffet at the University Restaurant January 21 – 29.
- A new restaurant, Miagi's, in the River Front Center is opening on Monday. They are currently giving out free sushi to promote the opening.
- The College of Business is proud to announce their reaccreditation.
- Nadia announced the new Accessible Tech Initiative. Please contact her for more information.
- Lori announced that new web templates are coming out and she will be redoing the USA website. Please send any suggestions to her.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Sinz, Secretary.